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Water Board To Consider Nez Perce Agreement Resolution

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The Idaho Water Resource Board will consider a resolution adopting minimum stream flows that are required as part of the Nez Perce Agreement, which if approved by the Idaho Legislature and the Nez Perce Tribe, will settle the Tribe's water claims in the Snake River Basin.

Board members will hold a special meeting by telephone on Tuesday, February 8, 2005. The meeting will be initiated at IDWR Headquarters in the Idaho Water Center, 322 E. Front Street in Boise beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Late last week, the Board held a series of public meetings in Challis, Riggins and Lewiston to give the public a final opportunity to see the proposed minimum stream flows for themselves and to ask questions.

If the board approves the resolution, it will be forwarded to the Legislature for consideration. The Nez Perce Agreement has already been approved by Congress and signed by President George W. Bush.

Anyone interested in listening to the Water Board's conference call can do so by calling 334-832-4208, participation code 815833. The cost for the call will be up to the individual.

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